Dr. Roller Wrestles To-Morrow---Amateurs Get Virginia League Park

VIRGINIA LEAGUE IS INFOR REGULAR WAR BEFORE FINISH COMES

The Times

Richmond Owners Ready to Enter New League After State Organization Succumbs From Heavy Load of Equitable Schedule—Fans Here Will Welcome Almost

> Any Sort of Change. BY GUS MALBERT.

It's to be war-grim, stark, unrelenting war! B-1-u-d! War with its skeletons and dragons; war with the "no-quarter" sign blazoned on the armor plate of the warriors.

Colonel Thomas B. McAdams threw down the gauntlet Friday night, after the Virginia League magnates had agreed among themselves to adopt an equitable schedule. Colonel Mc-Adams boldly asserted that Richmond, and the men representing Richmond in the councils of the league, were ready to help the Virginia League, but that these same men were just as willing to fight and likewise were prepared to fight to save their faces in the event the Virginia League decided upon a policy of annihilation for the

After listening to Colonel McAdams and other representatives of Richmond, to say nothing of the forensic declarations of the representatives of Petersburg and Roanoke, the Virginia League decided upon the equitable schedule, discussed more in detail as you

Want Better Baseball.

Richmond wants better baseball than the Virginia League can offer, and Richmond will have that "better baseball" if money and energy can purchase it. That in epitome is the opinion of the men who control the local franchise. They believe that in the adoption of the equitable schedule has been furnished the weapon by which the Virginia League will be driven into the farthermost depths, and then Richmond-

But to recur to the story, there is now forming another league; a league within the ranks of organized baseball. This new league, looming somewhat large upon the horizon, is to take the best cities on the Atlantic Scaboard and weld them into a circuit that will provide good baseball for the people who pay to see good baseball. That the equitable schedule is going to mean the death of the Virginia League, is the opinion of the men whose money makes possible the Richmond end of the Virginia League. If the Virginia League dies, there is nothing to stop, Richmond from stepping into this new organization, minus shackles and minus the traditions of the Virginia League. Likewise, and furtherly, Richmond will stop at nothing to help the demise of the Virginia League. Indeed, Richmond is ready right now to purchase at considerable cost a suitable floral design to embellish the corpse. Nay, more, Richmond is willing right now to name a suitable committee to attend the wake. May Buy Out for \$2,500.

There is still more illuminating information. The constitution of the Virginia League provides that any city in the league has the right to withdraw from the circuit upon the payment of \$2,500, and Richmond has something more than \$2,500 in the treasury to get out of the Virginia League and to purchase a berth in another league more to the liking of fandom hereabouts.

We are ready to act with the Virginia League, if the league is willing to be fair; if not, then, should we be unfortunate enough to have a losing club, we will make it a real loser by getting rid of the expensive men on the team," said Colonel Thomas B. McAdams.

As a codicil to this statement, Secretary W. B. Bradley said: Awards Made at Meeting Yester-"We are going to help Ray Ryan get a winning club. We are not going to stand in his way. We have read the schedule and will play under it, giving to the people of Richmond the best baseball we possibly can."

Neither statement may mean anything. Both together may AFTER MANY MORE STARS rive an idea of how the owners of the Richmond franchise in the Virginia League feel.

Too Many Richmonds.

The unanimity of opinion at the gathering of the gentlemen of the Virginia League, when the equitable schedule was adopted, must unquestionably augur well for that organization. Just one divergent note was sounded; just one grating rasp heard throughout the deliberations. Verily, there were entirely too many Richmonds in the field, and, unlike the lay of Shakespeare's tale, it was the Richmonds that were annihilated.

"Gadzooks, ramshorns and chipmunks!" shouted the unanimous ma-y. "We are for the Virginia League, and, dadburnit, if she busts, we are still with her!" Then proceeded they to enact the equitable schedule, on its rivals—the raid planned to land now a matter of history.

And it was a righteous cause they fought, those nobles, five; a right- finishing their trip around the world and worthy cause! Insooth, at least so said they, no more leaven of with the Glants and White Sox. This cous and worthy cause! Insooth, at least so said they, no more leaven of unrighteous dollars could sway them from their thornshod way so long as the final accomplishment was the good of the league; and some leagues are good, though dead. Be it known that five of the cities of the Virginia League—five; count 'em—are in the game for sheer love of the sport; no money-loving lust carried them on through tempestuous seas and over briared jumps through the long hurdles.

Sport for Sport's Sake.

"Sport for sport's Sake"—that was the clarion call that took them the call that caused their Spartan blood to mantle their brows. (Here on; the call that caused their Spartan blood to mantle their brows. (Here a few tears, Mr. Printer!) Indeed, it was a wonderful meeting-a classic in heroics and self-sacrifice.

Richmond, Richmond alone of all that noble six, stooped to the ignoble passion of grabbing shekels as reward for baseball endeavors. Richmond, and Richmond alone, sought to furnish dividends at the end of the long trek; Richmond alone would willingly count the surplusage, be there any,

and Richmond alone, sought to furnish dividends at the end of the long trek; Richmond alone would willingly count the surplusage, be there any, after the grime and dust of battle had been wiped from the fighting brows. But—(and here, too, Mr. Printer, set it very small, for it's a secret)—but, if Richmond would agree to give, say a triffe of \$500, for additional week-end series at home, it might be accomplished.

Note the guillelessness of the proposal. Under no circumstances could Richmond get all of the week-end games. It wasn't fair to "our constituencies of the proposal. Under no circumstances could Richmond get all of the week-end games. It wasn't fair to "our constituencies." Richmond wasn't entitled to week-end games. It wasn't fair to "our constituencies." But 500 real Richmond dollars might mollify the constituencies and balm the consciences of the unanimous five.

Almost Equal Swap.

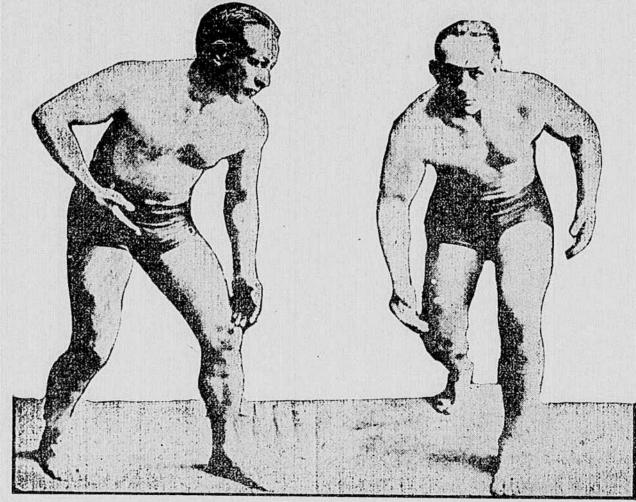
Get the idea? Five hundred dollars' worth of balm for some nine week-end series. Was there ever more positive assurance that it was pure and unadulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt. President H. C. Elliott, of the Roanoke Club, one of the chief exponents of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt and undulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt and undulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt and undulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt and undulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt and undulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt an advantage of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt an adopt and undulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt an adopt and undulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt an adopt and undulterated love of the sport which actuated the magnates to adopt an adopt and the present and the proposal in sportmens and the proposal in sportmens and the proposal in sportmens and the proposal in spor

Virginia League, with the exception of Roanoke, Portsmouth and possibly Newport News. Richmond, Petersburg and Norfolk, the three cities that look good to Mr. Elliott, are the three cities of the circuit that either make money, or do not lose any—more evidence that Mr. Elliott is the truck sort of an exponent of the "sport for more than the Richmond Club. Inmoney, or do not lose any—more evidence that Mr. Elliott is the truest sort of an exponent of the "sport-for-sport's-sake" philosophy.

Object to Criticism.

Likewise, Mr. Elliott and some of the other magnates of the league notably the representatives from Petersburg, took exception to certain newspaper criticisms of them and their proposed equitable schedule, now adopted—the schedule, not the criticisms. Mr. Elliott, for those who are interested, announced early in the session that he would not vote for an equitable schedule, and yet, at the last moment, did vote for it. Of course, (Continued On Second Page.)

DR. B. F. ROLLER



AMATEURS GET LEAGUE PARK

Following hard upon the heels of the announcement that the Virginia League had adopted an equitable schedule, the Amateur Baseball Commission of Richmond yesterday closed with Secretary W. B. Bradley, of the Broad Street Park Baseball Corporation, for the use of the West End lot when the Richmond club was away from home. This settles the most difficult problem presenting itself to the commission, and at the same time will furnish the fans with an article of baseball when the professionals are away that is sure to please. The terms for the park were eminently satisfactory to all persons concerned. Aside from furnishing the fans with baseball regardless of the Virginia League, this newest deal means that the local lessons of the west will get each will get each will get each the rest will be rest will get each the rest will be rest will

sees of the park will get quite as much revenue under this arrangement as when the league team is at home.

The rules committee named by President Hill, of the commission, has completed the work assigned it. and will report to a meeting of the parent body, to be held probably on Wednesday night. Secretary Hooper reports that the Richmond and Central Leagues will meet during the week, while several applications for franchises have been received, together with contracts from a number of the players.

FEDERAL LEAGUE DIVIDES PLAYERS

day, Though Disposition Is Still a Secret.

Gilmore to Meet World Tourists in Endeavor to Land Several Players.

Chicago, February 28 .- The Federal League to-day divided its 210 ball play ers, made preliminary plans for its penwas announced to-night, when the club a brief recess after a meeting that last-(Continued On Second Page.)

IS GIVEN DRUBBING

When the Richmond College basketwhen the Richmond Conege basket-ball team meets the quint from Wil-liam and Mary Wednesday night, in the Howitzers' Armory, they will try to put the crowning success on a most (Continued On Second Page.)

AMERICAN CAR FINISHES FIRST.

Edwin Pullen Wins Fifth International Grand Prize Race at Santa Monica.

DRIVER MARQUIS IS HURT

De Palma Finishes Fourth-First Accident in History of Course Happens.

Santa Monica, Cai., February 28.—Edwin Pullen won the fifth international grand prize race over forty-eight laps, or 403 miles of the Santa Monica course to-day. A new record of 77.2 miles an hour was established. It was also the first time in the history of the event that an American car flashed in first at the finish.

The winner gained his place by a serious accident, the first in the annals of the Santa Monica course, which jeopardized the life of a driver, J. B. Marquis, when his car turned turtle at a turn and crushed him. Thereafter it was no race. Pullen was forty miles ahead of the second car at the finish, and fifty-five miles ahead of the third.

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Ralph De Palma, who won the Van-derbilt cup Thursday was fourth; Bar-(Continued On Second Page.)

BY CAMP FIRES

New York, February 28.—The Camp Fire Club to-day is sending out a novel proposal in sportmen's safety legislation. It requires that no licenses be granted unless the applicant shall, in addition to existing requirements take an oath that he will not point any gun or other firearm, loaded or unloaded in the direction of any person; and further that he will not shoot at any object without first ascertaining that said object is not a human being.

Jackson, Mich., February 28.—The South Michigan Baseball League has been given the right to put a team in Toledo for the 1914 season if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the owners of the American Association Park there.

Secretary Farrell, of the National Associational of Professional Baseball League, has announced that the Central League had decided not to enter Toledo. He also was informed that the transfer of the Toledo Association team to Cleveland was only temporary.

PLANK PUSHING **WALSH'S RECORD**

SPORTING SECTION BIBLICH

BOTH PASS HALF CENTURY

Two Leading Portpaws Prove Deadly in Wielding Big Kalsomine Brush.

Ed. Walsh, once called Comiskey's man of steel, will have to come back strongly this year if he desires to retain his title of Monarch of the American League's Whitewash Brigade, Another Eddie—Plank, of Philadelphia—is pressing the Sox spitter closely for the honor of having oftenest used the whitewash brush on weak-hitting opponents, the big right-hander now having fitty-six kalsomining jobs to his (Continued On Second Page.)

TO LEHIGH FIVE

Price's long pass for a basket in the second half was easily the prettiest play of the game. Lehigh took the lead at the start and was never headed. The Brown and White players were far superior to the visitors in floor work and passing.

NEW LEAGUE MAY SOON BE FORMED

Meet March 15.

Lynchburg, Va., February 23.—With Lynchburg, Staunton, Clifton Forge and Danville represented, and ample assurances of interest in Covington and Charlottesville, a meeting was held here this afternoon preliminary to forming a Central Virginia Baseball League, but organization was blocked when it developed that Lynchburg would hardly enter on account of a \$700 lien on this territory, a reliet of the Virginia League. A committee was appointed to try to have the lien satisfied, and another meeting will be held here about March 15. It is proposed to provide a salary limit of \$500 for twelve players, eleven of whom must have had no experience above C class, and the senson to run from early in May to Labor Day.

Financial backing for the league is assured in all of the towns save Lynchburg. In case of organization the presidency will be offerent to J. O. Baatwright, president of the Virginia League.

BOWLING TOURNEY IS NEARING FINISH

First Meet Here Proves Eminently Successful From Every Possible Standpoint.

WASHINGTON BOWLERS LEAD

Baltimore and Petersburg Pin Knights Sure to Share in Prize-Money.

The first intercity bowling tournament to be staged in Richmond is about to come to a close. On Monday night the singles and doubles in classes A and B will be rolled by the local pinknights, when finis will be written to the big event of 1514. That the tournament has been a marked success will be attested by every one of the thousands of visitors to the Palace alleys, where the battles were staged. While numerically the tournament was smaller than the inaugural affair in Washington last season, the visitors state that they more than made up for the deficiency in numbers by the royal entertainment they received.

Washington and Ealtimore were well represented, and by stirling bowlers, men who have achieved honors on other alleys. Washington will unquestionably receive the major slice of the prize money. The timber topplers from the capital city snade a most creditable showing in all of the classes. Baittmore will also share largely in the division of the spoils. Petersburg, always regarded as a strong rival of Richmond in all branches of sports, did remarkably well, and the lads from the Cockade City are not to go home empty, as they won places in several divisions. Dobe and Harrison took first place in Class C. two-men, teams: Fiers

DEEP RUN HOUNDS

The weekly drag of the Deep Run hounds was held yesterday afternoon, the meet being scheduled for the Via- is by no means all of the attrac-

nue. The next cast was in Adams's place, and lay along Patterson Avenue to College View, thence to Stop 29, where the final cast was made, and it where the final cast was made, and it lay beyond Dr. Taylor's to Bryant, none who can doubt his sincerity.

WARREN TAKES TENTH VICTORY AMERICANS GIVEN

Washington, February 28.—Warren, Pa., won its tenth straight victory in the interclub rifle matches this week, and retains its lend in Class A. Warand retains its lead in Class A. War ren also made the highest score, 996 out of 1,000. King's Mills, O., broke the tie for the leadership of Class B by defeating Stillwater, Minn., 991 to 985. Among Class A scores was Birmingham, Ala., 989, vs. Tacoma, Wash., 954. Among Class B scores were Minneapolls, Minn., 951, vs. New Orleans, defaulted; Louisville, Ky., 928, vs. San Francisco, 819.

Bethlehem. Pa., Februray 28.—In a contest, almost devoid of feature, Lehigh defeated Swarthmore at basketball here to-day, 40 to 27. Lehigh's defense work, with Green as the particular star, won the applicate of the large crowd which witnessed the contest. Price's long pass for a basket second half was

Boston, February 28.—Richard F. Cleveland, son of former President Grover Cleveland, and a student at Phillips Exeter Academy, to-day was elected president of the Interscholastic Association o New England.

TABER DEFEATED BY OXFORD STAR both. We shall be glad to reach home, but it has been a great trip," "One thing is certain, a week's rest aboard the Lusijania will do the play-

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Jackson's time was 4 minutes 22 3-5 seconds, which is the Oxford record for that distance. Jackson is president of the Varsity Athletic Club. He is taking the Oxford team to America next month to compete at Philadelphia. In the team will be four premier milers, including Jackson and Taber, who will take part in the four-mile relay race.

V. B. Havens, formerly of Rutgers College, but now a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, won the hundred yards' dash ovent to-day in 10 1-5 seconds. He also won the hurdles heat. The finals will be run Monday.

ROLLER IS TO MEET SHAD LICK HERE TO-MORROW NIGHT

Champion Heavyweight Will Defend His Title Against Baltimorean.

TURNER GRAPPLES BIG BULL MONTANA

Local Favorite Gives Return Engagement to Italian-Middleweight Belt at Stake-Both Lads Primed for Battle. Fans Show Great Interest in Bouts.

BY "REFEREE."

Never before has the wrestling colony of Richmond been so stirred as now, when announcement is made that to-morrow night Dr. B. F. Roller, the man selected by Champion Heavyweight of the World Frank Gotch to wear his mantle when he retired, will meet Shad Lick, of Baltimore, on the mat in the City Auditorium in a finish bout. It will unquestionably be the biggest card ever offered here, and it LEAD GOOD FIELD gest card ever offered here, and it is just as certain that the auditorium will be packed from pit to dome to welcome Roller.

However, the Roller-Lick bout duct at 4 o'clock. In spite of the bad condition of the ground quite a large tion. True, it will be the wind-up field fell in line for the first cast. The and therefore the banner event of first cast was in Shafer's place and therefore the banner event of lay along Kissing Lane to the Cary Street Road, thence through Sunnyside to George Bull's, where the plowed ground made jumping pretty slippery. Fortunately no falls were had during the afternoon. champion middleweight wrestler After leaving Bull's the course lay through Williams's to Woodlawn to Davis's to a church at Patterson Avenue. The next cast was in Adams's The one wish of the Italian is to BREAKING RECORD

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At the club.

In point of attendance, and considering the horrible condition of the ground, the hunt was the fastest ever held, as the riders were back at the club in 1 hour and 20 minutes from the lime they started.

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Crowded by Gettysburg Riding were Ormond Young, M. F. sires, largely because Turner has H., riding Wings; Harry C. Beattle, Jr., whip, riding Iron Prince; Fred Campbell, whip, riding Lady N.; John Branch, previous mix-ups. Now Montana riding Flat Foot; Miss Fanny Cronshaw, riding Plat Foot; Miss Fanny Cronshaw, riding Quaker; Miss Warfield, riding Her Grace; Edward Harris, riding Leesburg; Dr. White, riding Bob Roy: E. B. Sydnor, riding Joe Mason.

Olsen Gets Cold Feet.
Neil Olsen, after saying that he was glad of the opportunity to meet Roller, (Continued On Second Page.)

ROUSING SEND-OFF

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch:] London, February 28.—"Come back again," was shouted from dozens of

again," was shouted from dozens of throats, intermingled with lusty English cheers and American "rah, rah, rahs," as the Giants and White Sox pulled out from Euston Station to-day en route for Liverpool to board the Lusitania homeward bound.

"It has certainly been one corking finish to our world tour," was the way John MsGraw described his past strenuous week to The Times-Dispatch correspondent. "We are delighted with the reception given us in London. Everywhere we have experienced the greatest hospitality and friendship. We would like to have played one or two more games here, because we betwo more games here, because we be-lieve the British public would soon go crazy over the game. If any one cared to make a thorough missionary effort there would soon be nearly as many fans and players in London as in New

"The English people told me they think the game combines the best points of their two native games, cricket and football, and is superior to

ers good, for it has been one swift time for all of them."

LOST FAST GAME